

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND OF COOK COUNTY**  
**And Ex-Officio for the**  
**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**33 N. DEARBORN STREET-STE. 1000**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602**

**Minutes for September 12, 2012 Meeting of the Board**

The County Fund and the Forest Preserve District Fund are herein collectively referred to as the "Fund".

Call to Order and Roll Call.

**Trustees Present:** John Fitzgerald, Clem Balanoff, Robert Benjamin, Lauren Gore, Alexis Herrera, Robert Janura, Brent Lewandowski, Kurt Summers, Patrick McFadden

**Staff Present:** Daniel R. Degnan, Executive Director; Nickol Hackett, Chief Investment Officer; Michael Maratea, Director of Finance; Angela McMillin, Director of Health Benefits; Paul Rzuszutko, Director of Annuity Benefits; Gary LeDonne, Senior Benefit Advisor; Sharon Ryan, Office Manager;

**Others Present:** Mary Pat Burns, Burke Burns & Pinelli, LTD; Jason Parks, Loop Capital; Marlon Jones, Cook County Active Member; Chris Heppner, Segal; Jill Whiteman, Segal;

1. Review and Consideration of:

a. August 2, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the minutes of the August 2, 2012, Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

**Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

b. Bills, Payroll Records, Annuities, Spouse & Child Annuities, Ordinary & Duty Disabilities and Refunds.

It was moved by Trustee Lewandowski and seconded by Trustee Gore that the presented payroll, bills and recommendations for annuities, disabilities and refunds be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Lewandowski, McFadden  
NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

At this time Trustee Janura and Trustee Balanoff entered the meeting.

2. Recommendations from August 23, 2012, Health Benefit Committee Meeting

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the Board approve the recommendation of the Health Benefits Committee to increase the administrative fee for the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO plan by three percent (3%) and to increase the premium for the Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO plan by one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) and it is further moved that the Funds' staff shall take all action reasonably necessary to effectuate the foregoing including subject to legal review and signoff, the execution and delivery of any related written agreement on the Funds' behalf by the Executive Director.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden

PRESENT: Balanoff

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the Board approve the recommendation of the Health Benefits Committee to decrease the Fund contributions by one percent (1%) for all health benefits for members.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden

PRESENT: Balanoff

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the Board approve the recommendations of the Health Benefits Committee to the plan changes as presented and to automatically place members receiving HMO benefits into the Blue Advantage Network with the option to select the Classic Network.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden

PRESENT: Balanoff

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the Board approve the recommendations of the Health Benefits Committee to retain MedExpert as the Health Management Vendor at a monthly cost of \$2.75 per member and it is further moved that the Funds' staff shall take all action reasonably necessary to effectuate the foregoing including subject to legal review and signoff, the execution and delivery of any related written agreement on the Funds' behalf by the Executive Director.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden

PRESENT: Balanoff

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

3. Other Benefit Matters

a. Dent

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Lewandowski that Ms. Dent has demonstrated reasonable cause for delay in filing her application for ordinary disability benefits pursuant to Section 9-157 of the Illinois Pension Code and is eligible for the benefits requested.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Janura, Lewandowski

NAYS: Herrera, McFadden

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

b. McGruder-Hilson

It was moved by Trustee Balanoff and seconded by Trustee Herrera that Ms. McGruder-Hilson may be allowed to purchase service credit for the period of her military service pursuant to Section 9-179(b) of the Illinois Pension Code.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

At this time Trustee Summers entered the meeting.

4. Trustee Education

It was moved by Trustee Janura and seconded by Trustee Balanoff, consistent with the recommendations of the Funds' professional staff and the Funds' counsel, that the expenses, including any associated travel expenses, incurred by

any Trustee or Employee in attending the Credit Suisse Conference on Small & Emerging Managers in Private Equity, Real Estate and in-State Investments on September 19-20, 2012, in Dallas, Texas; the 2012 Blackstone Alternative Asset Management Annual Investor Conference on October 4, 2012, in New York, New York; and the Diversified Global Asset Management (DGAM) Investor Conference on October 19, 2012, in New York, New York; all such programs provided on complimentary bases, be approved, provided that reimbursement shall be in and for amounts consistent with the Funds' Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It was moved by Trustee Janura and seconded by Trustee Balanoff, consistent with the recommendations of the Funds' professional staff and the Funds' counsel, that the expenses, including any associated travel expenses, incurred by any Trustee or Employee in attending IPPFA's Regional Seminar on December 7, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois, at a program cost of \$35 per attendee, be approved, provided that reimbursement shall be in and for amounts consistent with the Funds' Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

5. Personnel Matters

It was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the Board convene an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to discuss the employment of specific employees.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Balanoff, Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Gore, Herrera, Janura, Lewandowski, McFadden, Summers

NAYS: None

Vote Result: MOTION ADOPTED

It is moved by Trustee Herrera and seconded by Trustee Balanoff that the Executive Session be adjourned and that the Board return to open session.

Upon returning to Open Session it was moved by Trustee McFadden and seconded by Trustee Herrera that the Board accept the recommendation of the Personnel Subcommittee to enter to an Employee Agreement with Nickol Hackett for the Executive Director's position and to authorize the President of the Fund to execute and deliver the Employment Agreement on behalf of the Fund with an effective date of December 1, 2013.

6. Old Business/New Business

7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2012.